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Wild West Fest

Drew Danecki
Staff Writer

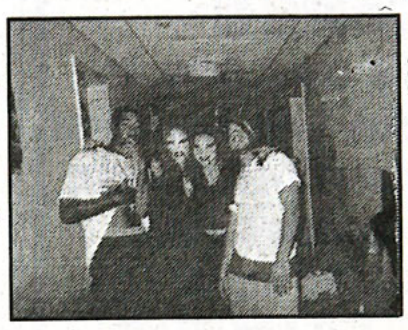
Every year when fall comes around, there is a festival for the families of the students who attend Saint Leo College. There is a theme that goes along with the activities that are planned. This year it was titled the "Wild West Fest", and anybody could see the changes as the entrance of the campus was turned into an entrance from an ole western city with wagons and haystacks. The families were to arrive at the Raleigh's Ranch to check-in with the local sheriff to make sure they were not on the wanted list. After they were cleared, they had to meet with the local authorities to find out how the young'ns were doing with their education. Dinner was served at the O.K. Corral, western style.

Choices of golden crisp chicken or barbecued spare ribs were on the menu. Many more entrees were available for the hungry soul. Much appreciation to all those who spent endless hours planing and organizing this event.

Halloween Extravaganza

Kristen Roberson
Staff Writer

Saturday, October 31, Marmion/Snyder held a haunted house and trick or treat extravaganza. Over nine hundred children from the community came out to enjoy the festivities. Even some of Saint Leo's own, such as Dr. Powers, dressed as a fairy, came out to support the event.



Snyder, the female residence hall, decorated their halls, and designated rooms offered candy to the trick or treaters.

Marmion, the male residence hall, held the haunted house. Danny, an eight-year-old resident of Zephyrhills, told us that "it was so scary, I almost peed my pants."

Residents of neighboring communities called Saint Leo the following day and complimented us on the exceptional job and safety that the college offered them.

After the trick or treaters left, the students held a dance including pizza and refreshments. The dance was well enjoyed and well deserved.

Saint Leo University

Lisa Bisordi
Assistant Editor

It has grown apparent that Saint Leo College has been undergoing a great deal of expansion. Through great commitment and hard work, faculty and staff have made many positive changes to our institution. In Saint Leo College's most recent volume of S.L.A.T.E. Dr. Arthur Kirk, Jr., President, reported the approval to change our school's name. Presently called Saint Leo College, it will be named Saint Leo University (effective the summer of 1999.) This is an exciting change for the Saint Leo community. Throughout the conversion of our school's status many exciting events will be taking place. New opportunities will become available to our community. Dr. Kirk's message in S.L.A.T.E. expresses, "You should be proud to know that Saint Leo's current enrollment of nearly 8,000 students ranks the college as larger than most private universities. Saint Leo's enrollment also classifies us as the 19th largest Catholic college or university in the country." Additional expansion efforts are to be expected in preparation for the conversion.

Saint Leo students are excited about the change. Megan Houtsma states her opinion, "I think that it is very exciting. The change will offer new opportunities and better prepare me for my future." This is only the start of a great beginning for Saint Leo. Over time, many new programs will occur. For instance, faculty from other locations affiliated with Saint Leo will be able to offer their expertise to students at the main campus. This, in itself, offers students a great learning opportunity. Faculty are also optimistic regarding

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Editorial

Smoking is a right guaranteed every citizen of legal age in this country. I respect people's choices and do not want to infringe upon anyone's rights. At the same time, I would like my rights protected also. According to information obtained from Cherie Ballard, Saint Leo College Human Resource Specialist, the school's official policy is: Saint Leo College will comply with the Florida Clean Indoor Air Act {Florida Statute 386.205 (2) (a)} by requiring that smoking be prohibited in all buildings on the campus. As far as I can tell, this policy is being strictly adhered to. The problem for non-smokers is that students (and faculty) converge around the building entrances to smoke, creating a wall of cigarette smoke that not only finds its way into the building, but also into the eyes, clothes, and lungs of all who must pass through to get to class. My request is simple. Please move the designated smoking areas away from the entrances to buildings we must all access. There are many viable alternatives that would amount to about twenty-five more feet of walking for the smokers. Friends of mine who smoke have said they sometimes feel like a persecuted group for engaging in a completely legal activity. My intent and request is not to persecute, it's to reform the campus smoking policy so it will be fair for all those concerned. *Leonard J. Umhoefer Photography Editor*

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Saint Leo Diversity Week

Schedule of Events

Monday, November 16, 1998
THE INVISIBLE
Snyder Lounge 8p.m.

Tuesday, November 17, 1998
WE ARE THE WORLD
Lion's Lounge 8p.m.

Wednesday, November 18, 1998
BOXING TYSON
Marmion/Snyder Lounge 8p.m.

Thursday, November 18, 1998
Little things
Marmion Lounge 8p.m.

Friday, November 19, 1998
TBA - To be announced.

Saturday, November 21, 1998
BELOVED
Regency 20 (Brandon) 6p.m.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I've been meaning to express myself in a letter, but in the past week, the problems got better. Still it remains, and I feel inclined to fill you in on the condition inside my room where there lives a continuing fight with an abundance of moisture and the absence of light.

You see that when darkness and a great deal of water combined with the germs procreate when it's hotter, than other seasons that don't normally lead to this disgusting and annoyingly abnormal well, something arises that reminds me of glue. It prefers my new blazer to any one of my shoes. This thing that I write to you now and complain has turned out to be much more than a pain. It has ruined my shirt from the Banana Republic which I paid for by credit, for the price made me sick. It has covered and eaten my new Gucci bag that I ought to desemble and use as a rag. It has discolored my favorite Adidas tennis shoes. It must have good taste; it prefers what is new. My white teddy bear and my down feather pillow, a green pair of shorts and socks that were yellow, a few million pictures and a big smiley sticker are the cause of the subject in which I must bicker.

It has lived far too long and breathed its last breath in my room, for it's no longer allowed as a guest. This plague has disarmed the electric connection to all my appliances with speedy infection. I ask that you take care of the rapid digression of my honored and treasured possesions.

I beg for your help and I am here to challenge you to make my life easier and get rid of my mildew.

Michelle Bertucci

Commuter News

Sally Moore
Commuter Chair

Greetings and Salutations! I am your representative for the Student Government Union, and I would like to take this opportunity to update you on recent activities. Two bulletin boards have been designated for Commuter News. Both boards are located in the McDonald Center. One is downstairs in The Cage, and the other is in the upstairs right hallway. The date and time of meetings will be posted on these boards.

My office hours are from 8-9a.m. every Friday in the Student Government Union office in deChantal Hall. Please come by and say "hi." The commuter chair mailbox number is MC 3954. Please feel free to drop any comments and suggestions into this box.

If you do not already have a mailbox on campus, please get one. This will be the best way for me to communicate with you about important issues. I shall be mailing a survey, which addresses current issues, within the next two weeks. Please fill it out and return it to me as soon as possible. Thanks.

I realize that the meetings have only been on Thursday afternoons, a time when many of you are not on campus. In the future, the meeting will be held during the lunch hour to accommodate the M/W/F and the T/R students. Please let me know which days are more convenient for you.

I look forward to serving you,

Sally Moore
Commuter Chair/SGU

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Organizational Update

ALPHA SIGMA - meeting times: TBA

Alpha Sigma is a Greek organization which has yet to be approved as an official sorority. It stands for true sisterhood and community service. Membership is by invitation only.

AMBASSADORS - meeting times: TBA

The Ambassadors is a group whose members represent Saint Leo at functions outside the college. Applications and interviews are prerequisites for membership.

AMERICAN MARKETING ASSOCIATION - meeting times: Once per month TBA

The AMA attempts to allow its members to get a taste for real work situations. Frequent guest speakers attempt to help this process.

BEST BUDDIES - meeting times: TBA

Best Buddies endeavors to give aide to mentally handicapped adults.

CIRCLE K - meeting times: Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. in Crawford Hall

Circle K is a service organization sponsored by Kiwanis. Members are involved in activities such as Boy's Village, Feed the Homeless, etc.

DELTA EPSILON SIGMA - meeting times: TBA in the SAC

Delta Epsilon Sigma is a general honor society. Membership requirements include a 3.5 GPA, an application, and a $50 membership fee.

GOLDEN LEGEND YEARBOOK - meeting times: See Tracy Snyder, ext. 8857

The staff of the Golden Legend is responsible for assembling and preparing the college yearbook for its annual publication.

GREEK COUNCIL-meeting times: Mondays at 7:15 p.m. in the Library's Southard Room

The Greek Council is responsible for the governance of all fraternities and sororities on campus. They are responsible for coordination of activities and promote unity among all approved Greek organizations.

GREEK ORGANIZATIONS - meeting times: vary according to club

There are two primary types of Greek organizations recognized by the Greek Council: community service organizations or social organizations (serving as a support group). A minimum of 2.25 GPA , as well as 12 credit hours, is required for membership. Approved Greek organizations are: Alpha Phi Alpha, Alpha Xi Omega, Gamma Upsilon, Kappa,Theta, Pi Lambda Phi, Psi Theta Epsilon, Sigma Epsilon, Sigma Lambda, Sigma Sigma, and Tau Kappa Epsilon.

HUMAN LIFE INTERNATIONAL-meeting times: TBA

Human life International seeks to deal with human rights issues. This organization is currently seeking SGU recognition.

LITERARY CLUB - meeting times: TBA

The Literary Club publishes a literary magazine which encourages submissions from both the community and the Saint Leo campus.

MONARCH NEWSPAPER - meeting times: every Tuesday at 12:30 p.m. in DeChantal Conference Room or Monarch office.

The staff of the Monarch is responsible for the writing and the publication of Saint Leo'sofficial student newspaper. The Monarch is published once a month. Paid positions are available.

OUTDOORS CLUB - meeting times: Alternate Wednesdays at 5:00 in DeChantal's Conference Room

The Outdoors Club allows its members to get back to nature and away from school through outdoor excursions such as canoeing and camping.

PHI THETA KAPPA - meeting time: TBA

PTK is the club for the alumni of Phi Theta Kappa in community colleges. A 3.5 GPA is required. PTK is a service organization which works with recruiting and admissions.

PSYCHOLOGY CLUB - meeting times: TBA

The Psychology Club acts to increase awareness of and interest in the various fields of psychology.

RESIDENCE HALL ASSOCIATION - meeting times: TBA

The RHA is responsible for receiving and acting on input from campus residents, providing necessary services and entertaining activities for those residents, and working to improve the standard of living for the resident students.

SIGMA TAU DELTA - meeting times: 2 per month (TBA) in St. Edward Hall's Conference Room

Sigma Tau Delta is an English honor society and service organization for anyone with a 3.5 GPA who is majoring or minoring in English or English/ Secondary Education.

SOCIAL WORK CLUB - meeting times: TBA

The Social Work Club seeks to promote involvement and awareness, in the field of social work, to the entire Saint Leo campus. A major in the field of social work is not required for membership.

SAINT LEO INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ASSOCIATION (SLISA) - meeting times: TBA

SLISA is an organization which attempts to raise cultural awareness through events focussing on various cultures.

STUDENTS UNITED AGAINST VIOLENCE (SUAV)- meeting times: TBA

SUAV works to help victims of violence and reaches out to the community.

SAMARITANS - meeting times: Mondays at 7:00 p.m. in the SAC

The Samaritans practice community service with a strong Christian theme.

STUDENT TEAM OF ADMISSIONS RECRUITERS (STAR) - meeting times: TBA

STAR acts as a part of Admissions, and its members give tours of the campus to interested students or parents. Applications and interviews are required. STAR is full for the fall semester, but they may accept applications for the spring semester.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT UNION - meeting times: Mondays at 6:00 p.m. in Selby Auditorium

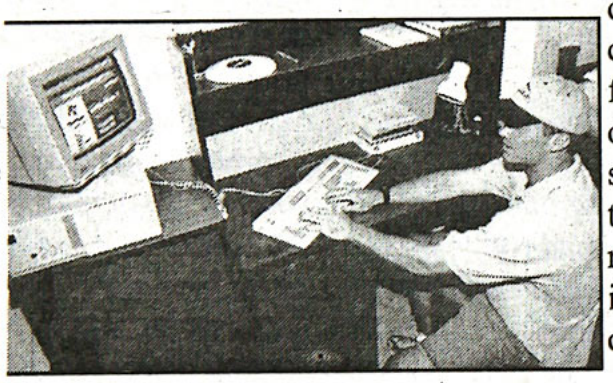
The SGU is the representative body of all Saint Leo students. It provides recognition to all college-approved organizations. The SGU also provides students with a forum where concerns and suggestions can be voiced and acted upon.

**For additional information on any of the clubs, please contact Nancy Pond, ext 8490, in the Student Activities office.*

Technology Update

Drew Danecki
Staff Writer

Recently the technology increased as internet access was put into the rooms of students. The dorms are a great place to have convenient e-mail access that allows the student at any time to log-on and take care of unfinished business. Certain steps need to be taken before a student can have access. Ethernet cards and 10- base T cables, and the network software are also necessary to get started. These associated items are available for purchase through the Office of Information Technology for $100. The rooms in the dorms already have individual network ports, so the students need to provide the rest to have an internet system. Network connections are introduced to provide the students with reliable access to computing facilities needed for the pursuit of their academic progress.



Matt Dooris surfs the net.
Leonard J. Umhoefer JR. Photography

Student, Matt Dooris, states that, "with being time-consuming and costly to get everything in tact, it is a necessity for me to have the internet at my fingertips with the technology of today's world."

Most students are already using the internet at the library, and sometimes the lines form from people waiting for others to complete their daily e-mail. This could sometimes get frustrating if someone is on a tight schedule and has little time to spare. The next best alternative is to have a personal computer set up in the dormatory so one can access the internet twenty-four-seven. Students can also be on the net with no rush of others waiting to log in behind you. For those of you that don't know, the internet is on all of the computers in the basement of the library. If a class is not going on, it is an effective solution to the wait.

Geoffrey Niebaum likes to express that in his on-going search for a graduate school, the internet in the dorms has let him search at all hours of the night. It is an effective solution to the backed-up facilities and classes going on in the computer labs. "I am on a set schedule every single day, so I am not able to sit around and wait for others to get done with their business. I know that I can have a secure session with no distruptions in the privacy of my own room. Other students, such as Chris Cuchetti and Tom Public, use the internet for getting music from all the popular bands that will help them learn the songs for their own band. "When we are jamming, we don't have time to run over to the library every time we want to learn a new song. It is much quicker from our room to just look it up and print it out".

Now, it is much more convenient and time-efficient to have the internet set up in your own dorm. Saint Leo has made it possible, and now is the time to get all the information needed from the comfort of your own dorm. Everyone who desires will sooner or later have the access needed to surf the net. The technology is in all the rooms, so bring the computers and set it up.

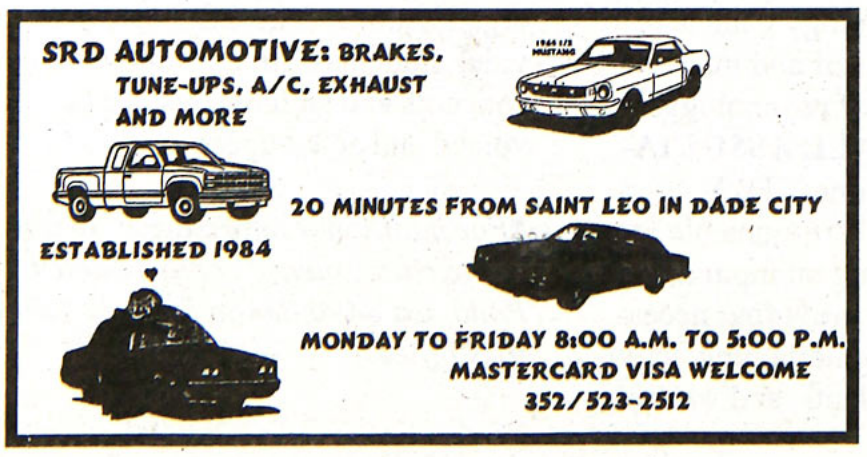
SGU Attendance Policy Vote

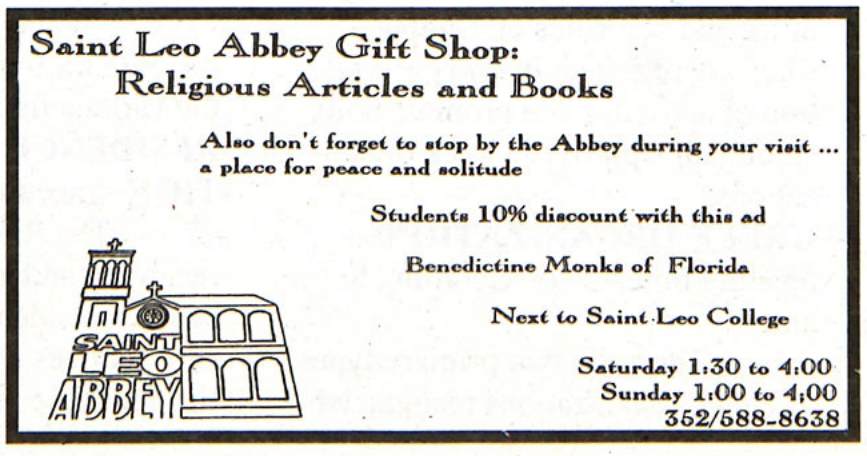
Drew Danecki
Staff Writer

At a recent SGU meeting, the discussion of leniency of the attendance policy was a major point for those organizations that lacked members to go to the mandatory Monday meetings. Each organization is obligated to have a representative at the meetings to follow all of the procedures that the SGU has planned. Most organizations have an abundance of members, so it is not a problem. The organizations that have only a few members like Kappa Theta and Gamma Upsilon might have a problem. This is why this topic has been brought up by some organizations. Organizations are allowed to have three absences per semester. Once the fourth absence is earned, probation is the result. On the fifth absence, the organization is at risk of losing eligibility to be part of the SGU.

The SGU senators voted on this subject, and the vote decided that organizations who lack members could be part of a system of getting all the notes and minutes from the office of Student Government. About six organizations have a member shortage in the SGU, so this will apply to those that have problems of getting to the meetings. The growth of the organizations will be evaluated at the end of the year, and by then every organization has to have five members; as it states in the college policy hand book.

So far there has been good attendance from all the organizations on the Saint Leo campus. Even Kappa Theta and Gamma Upsilon have been making the meetings. But in the future it might get hectic with work and school, so it was good to make sure that the ones that cannot attend have this option. In the future these organizations plan to gain members so this problem should be diminished.





From the Benedictine Sisters

Sister Mary David Hydro
Freelance

The Benedictine sisters at Holy Name Monastery received two new vowed members on Saturday, October 31st. Novices sisters Jean Abbott and Eileen Dunbar made temporary monastic profession at a Eucharistic liturgy celebrated by Father Paul Romfh, OSB. Sister Mary Clare Neuhofer, OSB, prioress, presided at the profession rite and received their vows. A few invited family members and friends witnessed the profession.

The monastic life is not new to these sisters; they have lived in community for two years. In the initial stages as postulants and novices they have prepared for a vowed life through studies and by participating in the work and prayer of the sisters. The Benedictine vowed life, like prismed light, has different facets. The novices will vow:

* Stability - to be rooted in community, to stay/grow together
* Obedience - to listen to the voice of God in the prioress, their Sisters, their life
* Conversion - to be transformed into Christ through the monastic way.

Simplicity and celibacy (sharing of goods and a love that includes all) are part of that monastic way.

When they make monastic profession, Sisters Jean and Eileen will become Scholastics, a step closer to perpetual commitment. They will continue their formation but engage in full time ministry. Sister Jean works as bookkeeper in the monastery Business Office and serves on the community's Corporate Commitment Committee "to respond with the compassion of Christ to the physical, spiritual and emotional hungers of the people of God." She also is part of the Religious Sub-committee of the Pasco County Domestic Violence Task Force.

Sister Eileen works at Saint Leo College in the Office of Institutional Research. She shares her musical gifts with the monastery community as singer, pianist, and organist. The responsorial psalm at the profession is one she wrote for a psalm class as a novice.

Says Sister Jean, "In my novitiate I have learned that discipline and flexibility are necessary to live a balanced life of prayer and work. Now I can continue putting into practice the theory of a balanced life so sorely needed and hungered for in our world today."

"We realize," says Sister Eileen, "that the Benedictine charisma as we've learned it and live it now is not for us alone, but to be lived as a public witness to the people of God. We ask the continued prayers of all so that we may be faithful to our commitment."

They had been looking for something that would satisfy; God brought Sisters Jean and Eileen to Holy Name Monastery. There they have discovered that the Benedictine spirit has been in their hearts all along. They have come home. The profession was a day of great joy for them and for their community, the Benedictine Sisters of Holy name Monastery.

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the conversion. Mr. John Swart, Assistant Professor of Physical Education, states his opinion, "A university has more of an encompassing tone. I think that it is exciting. There has been a great deal of international and Internet expansion. This seems to be the next natural step."

Dr. Kirk tells **The Monarch**, "Saint Leo is to be a student-first, student-centered, teaching university with ever greater opportunities for all students. The decision was an easy one. It simply expresses who and what we are. Saint Leo is larger than most private universities. We have growing graduate enrollment and programs and an evolving international and Internet presence." This is an awesome step for our facility. Students should take pride in the school's growth and take advantage of the new opportunities that will be made available.

There will not be an increase in tuition due to the conversion. University status will not affect Saint Leo's cost. However, that is not to say that there will not be a difference in tuition. Alterations in tuition pricing are a result of variables such as faculty salaries and technology. Dr. Kirk does not feel that there is a downside to this change. He feels that our community will only benefit.

Many students may ask what effect this will have on them. The greatest reason for this alteration is to benefit the students. This new university status will offer a great multitude of opportunities for students.

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Alpha Sigma: No Comment

Lisa Bisordi
Assistant Editor

Alpha Sigma is a women's service and social organization. They tried to become recognized as a Greek organization, however, they were denied Greek status. When The Monarch requested an interview or a statement regarding the situation, it was refused. Certain members of Alpha Sigma refused to speak about the rejection.

Kelly Garrity, a member of Alpha Sigma stated, "The organization is made up of many different women who have come from different areas. We have been able to find common goals and interests through friendships and sisterhood." The members who know of the reasons why the organization was denied Greek recognition would not comment.

"We have been able to find common goals and interests through friendship and sisterhood." -Kelly Garrity

Alpha Sigma is based on a group that existed about twenty-five years ago. That group was recognized as a Greek organization. Alpha Sigma hopes to gain Greek recognition in the future.

SPORTS

Female Profile: April Phelan, Volleyball

George Root
Co-Sports Editor

Three time team captain, April Phelan, will close out her volleyball career this fall. In the words of coach Bill Lent, she is "one of the finest players to ever play at Saint Leo." A lot of the team's success on the court and in recruiting can be accredited to April's dedication and hard work. Her success lies in both athletic and academic achievement. April hopes to coach volleyball one day and advises her teammates to "work hard and play together."

April Phelan

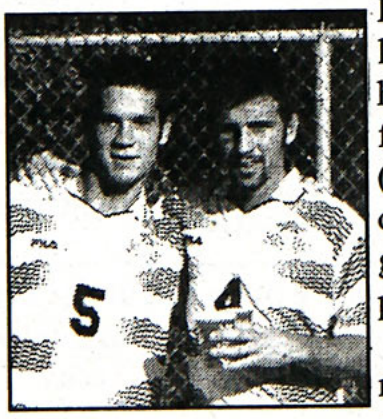
April has obtained great personal success during her career. She has career records in most solo blocks (113), most assist blocks (263), and most total blocks (476). She also holds single season records in the same categories. As a freshman, she led the Sunshine State Conference (S.S.C.) with 85 solo blocks. Academically, she has been on the all S.S.C. Commissioner's list every semester since she has been here. She was on the Dean's list twice, she had the highest G.P.A. on the team last year. However, April noted that she, "has enjoyed her personal success but she'd rather the team had that success."

"She makes me want to be a better setter," commented Sarah Doctor. Coach Lent dubbed her "one of the better middle blockers in the conference." He had the "pleasure" of coaching April four years as a Monarch and coached her Junior Olympics team in high school. Reflecting on the season, April found, "this season to be a little disappointing for my senior year because we had such high expectations coming in. But, I hope that through my hard work, people coming after me can have a rewarding experience." It is hard to imagine any other player having as big an impact on every aspect of a program as April has.

Male Profiles: Jon Akin & David Cuoco, Soccer

George Root
Co-Sports Editor

Leading the Monarchs' offense again this year, the tandem of Jon Akin and David Cuoco are causing trouble for opposing defenses. Last year the pair shared the lead in assists, and Jon led the way in goals and points. This year they share the lead in goals, and Jon has the edge in assists and points. They've assisted each other on goals seven times this year. Even more impressive is the fact that one of the two has either scored or assisted on twenty-two of the teams twenty-seven goals this season.



Dave & Jon

While Jon is closing out his career, David has two more promising years. It is a changing of the guard. Jon will finish his career at Saint Leo with many accolades. The all-American holds the school record for career assists (currently 45) and is second on the career list for goals scored (58) and points (161).

Grant Wortz, a freshman soccer player, commented, "They both work extremely hard and are very dedicated. As a freshman they helped me in the transition from high school to college soccer." Coach Reidy commented, "The two have been working really well together." We need more of that. Dave has made a transition this year from an individual to a team player and has made Jon better."

Jon was amazed at how fast his four years have gone by. His advice to his teammates is "to play every game is if it were your last." He feels that "Dave is a very talented player. If he can concentrate all his energy he will go very far." Dave reflected on the last two seasons saying, "It was a pleasure to play with Jon. The sky is the limit for Jon."

Monarch fans should look forward to next season. The team will field a "young group with a lot of potential to build on," as Dave noted. As for Jon, thanks for four great years!

Sports Column: Saint Leo Football?

Sean Golden
Satff Writer

The question that has been asked of me by many students is about the football team. Yes, Saint Leo used to have a football team. Back in the 1930s and 1940s it was really popular. The first recorded game between schools was in 1923. In 1930, the team had the first undefeated team in school history. They were 5-0-2. In 1938, they went undefeated once again with a 8-0 record. They went undefeated once again in 1949 with a perfect 8-0 record. The Monarchs have even won a few championships. They were Catholic State Champions in 1937 and 1946.

One of the most famous coaches in the history of the athletic program is Father Marion Bowman. He served as the athletic director and coach of every varsity sport for nearly a quarter of a century. He became football coach in 1932.

For more information on the history of Saint Leo College you can go to the library and check out the book ***Pioneer College, The Centennial History of Saint Leo College, Saint Leo Abbey, and Holy Name Priory***, written by the late Dr. James Horgan.

Fall Sports Update

Tennis Update

Kelly Kohn
Co-Sports Editor

The men's and women's tennis teams competed in the Webber College Invitational Tournament at Grenelefe Resort in Haines City. In men's singles, freshman Travis Thompson defeated a player from Division I Bethune Cookman in the first round in three sets. Also, senior Tony Skidmore defeated a player from Florida Southern College in straight sets in the first round. In consolation singles, Felipe Esteves defeated a player from Webber College with a score of 6-2, 3-6, 6-4. In doubles, Esteves was teamed with doubles partner Guilherme de Gouveia, and they won the doubles consolation final over a team from Division I Citadel. In women's play, juniors Britt Patriarch and Stephanie Harris won two rounds of doubles in the main draw, by defeating Webber's number one doubles team 6-3, 3-6, 6-2. In the quarterfinals, they defeated Florida Southern 7-6, 6-1 but were eventually defeated by Bethune Cookman.

Soccer Update

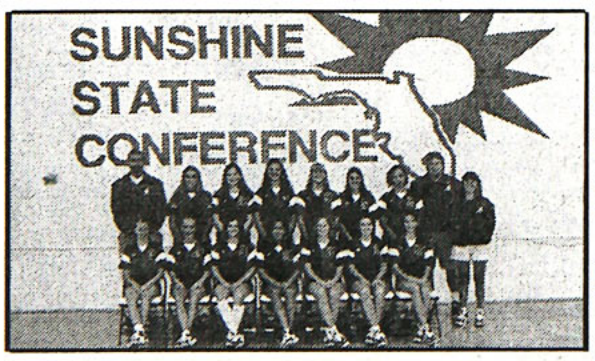
Kelly Kohn
Co-Sports Editor

This season has been a rough one for the men's soccer team. Many would look at the roster of seventeen freshmen and the record 5-7-1and label this a building year. The team has only two upperclassmen in their starting line-up. Coach Reidy realizes his lack of experience on the field, "We lost eight players from the 1997 squad. Considering that, we're dong pretty good. But we haven't done as well as we've become accustomed to." The team is young, but it has one very strong leader in Jon Akin. He is the only senior in the starting line-up, and he leads the team in all categories: goals (7), assists (10), and points (24). He is also sixth on the Sunshine State Conference all-time career-scoring list with 150 points. It is his last year as a Monarch. He has four games left to play and has made an effort to step-up and become not just a leader by example but also a vocal leader on the field. Coach Reidy says of Jon's last season, "It is almost over. Jon now takes a much more active role." Saint Leo stands at 0-4 in the conference. The team will rely heavily on Jon's leadership to finish strong.

Women's Volleyball Update

Kelly Kohn
Co-Sports Editor

The women's volleyball team found their stride this past weekend at the USC-Aiken Tournament. They lost two out of the three games they played, but all three teams were ranked in the top ten in the region. The game they won was the third game of the tournament against No. 8 in the region, USC-Spartanburg College. Saint Leo swept them in three games. They had lost to this same team just two weeks ago. Coach Lent sees a difference in how his team is playing, and he credits a change in attitude. The attitude change started when Stephanie Annable was placed in the starting line-up for the first time this weekend. Her defensive intensity and her hustle caught on with her teammates according to Coach Lent, "This weekend I had three girls on the floor for one ball. Their focus is better, and we've got a chance at beating Rollins and Florida Tech. Before this tournament I didn't think so." The problem is that they have already lost fifteen games and stand 0-4 in the conference, and they only have eight games left on the schedule. Not to mention all eight are conference games, which makes it the toughest part of the schedule for the Monarchs.



Volleyball Team Photo.
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Faculty Column: Dr. Astrid Vicas

I almost can't believe four years have gone by since I came to teach at Saint Leo College. I have been asked to indicate what my impressions are.

There have been quite a few changes, but also quite a few stable tendencies that I have noticed since I have come here. First, let me talk about the things that haven't changed. I am still amazed, even after four years, at how efficient and cheerful the staff are. It is always a pleasure to work with them, and I am not exaggerating when I say this. I also find it enjoyable to have direct access to faculty who are experts in fields very different from mine. This is an advantage one has in working in a smaller college, and it fosters an interdisciplinary outlook in faculty who work here.

One of the most lasting impressions I have had from teaching here is the open-mindedness and commitment of many students I have encountered over the past four years. American students, and in general the students who come here are friendly, and they are much more willing to open up and share their personal histories than their Northern (that is, Canadian) counterparts. Of course, this is very satisfying. Having said this, I do note that one thing that needs to be worked on here at Saint Leo is having more students on campus getting involved in developing their own capacity to learn. I hope that initiatives taken by our new administration will help us foster an even greater sense of the importance of self-development and care.

Meet Neil Kennedy

Leonard J. Umhoefer, JR.
Photography Editor

Junior Neil Kennedy was recently elected to the position of VP Operations of Student Government at Saint Leo College. The twenty two-year-old native of Clinton, CT moved to the Saint Leo in 1988. During his tenure at Saint Leo College, Kennedy has accumulated a 3.715 GPA. He says, "The first thing that I would like to do while in office is to continue with the work that has been done with the senate. While I am in office, I want everyone to be treated fairly, and in order to do this, everyone has to play by the rules."

"We must make a conscious effort to do good and to build up our community in order to make our community here at Saint Leo reach it's apex of greatness; even if it is something as simple as a friendly gesture or smile, we all must choose to work together now." The energy and attitude Neil brings to the job make his goals quite realistic.

Update On Sigma Tau Delta

Tara Fernandez & Jen Hawley
Freelance & Staff Writer

Sigma Tau Delta is an English honor society which seeks to recognize students who excel in the field of English. Their goal is to promote literary knowledge and values to the Saint Leo College Community and beyond. Although Sigma Tau Delta has not been overwhelmingly active on campus over the years, they hope to make their presence known over the course of the semester. There are plans for book readings and presentations. As for future events, Sigma Tau Delta plans to do volunteer work in the community, invite more faculty to do presentations, and organize fund-raisers. The faculty advisor, English Professor M. Snyder is an enthusiastic promoter of the organization. Membership requirements include: a major or minor in the fields of English or English/Secondary Education and a 3.50 GPA. Sigma Tau Delta meets every other week in Saint Edward Hall's conference room. Meeting times vary and will be announced.

The month of September was a time of growth for the English honor society, and they are happy to announce the induction of their new members Amanda Camp, Christopher Downs (as full members) and Sharon Wormser (as an associate). The society has also recognized Dr. Mary Spoto and Dr. Mark Edmonds as associates, due to the overwhelming support they have shown over the years. October was equally busy with the invitation of Ana DiDonato, Avena-Lyn Smith, Kelly Kohn, Jamie Palandro, Farrell Hall, Stephanie Polk, Inara Oxendine, Lanie Anderson, and Bridget Clancy into the organization. It is the opinion of Sigma Tau Delta that there is much literary talent lying dormant on the Saint Leo College campus that must be encouraged to come forward and be recognized. For more info about this honor society, contact Tara Fernandez or Professor Snyder.

Calendar of Events

November

Thursday 19- Job Search Skills Workshop, Crawford Hall #6 4p.m.
Friday 20- Women's B-ball vs. U. of North Dakota, Home
Graduation Application due for May, 1999 graduates
Saturday 21- Third Annual Turkey Chase 5k run
Sunday 22- Pool Closed (until late Feb.)
Monday 23- SGU Meeting, Selby Auditorium 4:30p.m.
Women's B-ball vs. Regis U., Home 7p.m.
Men's B-ball vs. Webber College, Home 7:30p.m.
Wednesday 25- Thanksgiving Break
Saturday 28- Women's B-ball vs. Carson-Newman, Home 7p.m.
Monday 30- Classes Resume
Christmas Tree Lightning 7p.m.
SGU Meeting, Selby Auditorium 4:30p.m.

December

Friday 2- CLAST registration for Jan. test
Deadline for receipt of FTCE
Monday 7- SGU Meeting, Selby Auditorium 4:30p.m.
Wednesday 9- Men's B-ball vs. Florida Memorial, Home 7:30p.m.
Thursday 10- Women's B-ball vs. Columbus State, Home 7:30p.m.
Saturday 12- Men's B-ball vs. St. Thomas, Home 2p.m.
Sunday 13- Christmas Mass 7p.m.
Women's B-ball vs. UWF, Home TBA
Monday 14- Last day of class
SGU Meeting, Selby Auditorium 4:30p.m.
Wednesday 16- Final Exams Begin
Friday 18- Final Exams Ends
Saturday 19- Men's B-ball vs. Nova Southeastern, Home 4p.m.